Foreign Exchange received by NGOs

3990. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the amount of foreign exchange received by various Non-Governmental Organisations, State-wise, organisation-wise, during the last three years;

(b) whether there are reports of wide spread misuse of the funds received from abroad as none of these organisations keep and maintain proper accounts of such funds;

(c) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration for the amendment of the Foreign Exchange Regulation Act to curb the misuse of funds received from abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) The details are contained in the Annual Reports on the 'Receipt of Foreign Contribution by voluntary Associations' brought out by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Copies of these Annual Reports upto the year 1998-99 are available in the Parliament Library. The data for the year 1999-2000 is under compilation.

(b) Under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976, associations, which are covered under the said Act, are required to furnish intimation in regard to receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by them, on yearly basis, duly certified by a Chartered Accountant, to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The monitoring of foreign contributions is done through the returns submitted by such associations. The scrutiny of these returns has not revealed any widespread misuse of foreign contribution.

(c) and (d) The Government is considering certain changes in the law governing the receipt and utilisation of foreign contribution by voluntary organisations to remove shortcomings noticed in the present law.

Merger Agreement of Manipur

3991. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the measures taken up by Government to fulfil the aspirations of people of Manipur under Article VIII (3) of the Merger Agreement of Manipur signed on 21st September, 1949; and

(b) whether Government have any plans for setting up a vocational training centre for the youths of Manipur ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Government have fulfilled all its obligations under the Manipur Merger Agreement within the Constitutional framework.

(b) At present, there is no such plan.

Monitoring of Foreign Funds by DCs

3992. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have delegated powers to District Collectors for registration and monitoring of the recipients of foreign contributions;

(b) if so, whether a larger number of Voluntary Organisations are misusing the foreign funds:

(c) if so, the details of such cases came to the notice of the Government during the last three years; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to check misuse of funds by organisations in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the period 1998-99 to 2000-2001, the accounts and records of 437 associations were inspected under the provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976.

(d) The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 empowers the Central Government to take action against associations found guilty of contravening its provision. The action includes placing the association in the prior permission category, prohibiting it from receiving foreign contribution, freezing its bank account and prosecuting it in a court of law.

Harassment of Indians living on border by BDR

3993. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA :

SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bangladesh Rifles have served quit notices on villagers